

REMARKS


In accordance with the foregoing, the specification and claims 73-89 have been added to provide a varying scope of coverage for the invention.

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Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please ADD the following claims:

73. (New) A system for managing regulatory programming information as applied to a plurality of regulated entities, comprising:

a user interface inputting operational data for selected subject items of a selected regulated entity for storage as regulatory information where at least one subject item of at least one regulated entity relates to a plurality of regulatory program areas; and

a centralized database storing the operational data as the regulatory information on a plurality of subject items for a plurality of regulated entities where the regulatory information stored in the centralized database is accessible to a plurality of departments within a regulatory agency that are responsible for different regulatory program areas.

74. (New) The system of claim 73, wherein the centralized database further comprises a requirements library that defines standard requirements for each subject item.

75. (New) The system of claim 73, wherein the regulatory information stored in the centralized database includes permit requirements for a subject item of a regulated entity.

76. (New) The system of claim 75, wherein the permit requirements stored in the centralized database cover a plurality of regulatory program areas for a subject item of a regulated entity and the centralized database generates multi-program permits output via the user interface.

77. (New) The system of claim 73, wherein the regulatory information stored in the centralized database includes inspection checklist information for a subject item of a regulated entity.

78. (New) The system of claim 77, wherein the inspection checklist information stored in the centralized database covers a plurality of regulatory program areas for a subject item of a regulated entity and the centralized database generates multi-program inspection checklists output via the user interface.

79. (New) The system of claim 73, wherein the regulatory information stored in the centralized database includes reports provided from regulated entities to departments of the regulatory agency, and wherein the reports are entered into the database via the user interface.

80. (New) The system of claim 73, wherein the regulatory information stored in the centralized database includes reports provided from departments of the regulatory agency to regulated entities.

81. (New) The system of claim 73, wherein the regulatory information stored in the centralized database includes violations listings for regulated entities.

82. (New) An integrated system for management of regulatory programming information as applied to a plurality of regulated entities, comprising:

a centralized database storing regulatory information on a plurality of subject items for a plurality of regulated entities where at least one subject item of at least one regulated entity relates to a plurality of different regulatory program areas;

a user interface inputting operational data for selected subject items of a selected regulated entity for storage in the centralized database as regulatory information; and

a processor generating multi-program regulatory permits based upon the operational data entered into the database for a respective regulated entity.

83. (New) The system of claim 82, wherein the processor additionally generates multi-program inspection checklists based upon the operational data entered into the database for a respective regulated entity.

84. (New) The system of claim 82, wherein the processor additionally generates multi-program enforcement orders based upon the operational data entered into the database for a respective regulated entity.

85. (New) A method for regulating a regulated entity, comprising:
identifying a plurality of subject items associated with the regulated entity where at least one subject item relates to a plurality of regulatory programs;

storing regulatory information associated with each of the identified subject items in a
• centralized database; and

monitoring the regulatory information associated with a selected subject item in the database to track compliance of the regulated entity.

86. (New) The method of claim 85, further comprising the step of generating permits relating to each regulatory program associated with the selected subject item.

87. (New) A method of managing information on a plurality of regulated entities, comprising:

creating a joint-usage database identifying subject items of a plurality of regulated entities;

adding permit data to the joint-usage database by referencing at least one of the subject items for one of the regulated entities for generating a permit for at least one of the subject items; and

adding operational performance data to the joint-usage database with reference to the at least one of the subject items for the one of the regulated entities, the operational performance data obtained from monitoring reports of operation of the at least one of the subject items.

88. (New) A system for regulation of regulated entities, comprising:

a memory unit to store information on the regulated entities, including a joint-usage database storing regulated entity identifiers and subject items and operational data of the regulated entities;

a processor coupled to the memory unit to generate a permit for at least one of the subject items of at least one of the regulated entities by accessing the joint-usage database in the memory unit;

an input unit coupled to the processor and the memory unit, to input the operational data obtained from monitoring operation of the subject items; and

an output unit, coupled to the processor, to output the permit.

89. (New) A system for managing regulatory programming information as applied to a plurality of regulated entities, comprising:

a user interface inputting operational data of subject items of a selected regulated entity

for storage as regulatory information with at least one subject item of at least one regulated
- entity relating to a plurality of regulatory program areas;

a centralized database system storing the operational data as the regulatory information
on a plurality of subject items for a plurality of regulated entities; and

an access system allowing access to the regulatory information stored in the centralized
database by departments within a regulatory agency responsible for different regulatory program
areas.